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In re Application of Stephen R. Welch Application No. 09/852,996 Filed: May 10, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 4022.026

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 3, 2003, to revive the aboveidentified application.

The petition is Granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the nonfinal Office action mailed December 20, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 21, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 3722 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-6911.

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